

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 12th - Saturday 25th October

Collect for Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th October

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our
anxieties with the liberating of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Collect for Sunday 7th - Saturday 13th September

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us
faithful to the Apostles teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Sunday 12th October

Ten lepers approached Jesus, asking for mercy.
He sent them to the priests, and as they went
they were healed. One of them turned back,
loudly praising God, and fell at Jesus' feet with
thanks. He was a Samaritan. Jesus asked,
'The other nine, where are they? Is the only one
to return and praise God a foreigner?'

Luke 17.12-18

yes is a world
and in this world of
yes live
(skillfully curled)
all worlds
e.e. cummings

Monday 13th October

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun
to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth; our God comes and will not
keep silence. *Psalms 50.1-2*

Live not for battles won
Live not for the-End-of-the-Song.
Live in the along.
Gwendolyn Brooks

Tuesday 14th October

Ever since the creation of the world God's
eternal power and divine nature, invisible
though they are, have been understood and
seen through the things he has made.
Romans 1.20

The truly wise person kneels at the feet of all
creatures and is not afraid to endure the
mockery of others. *Mechthild of Magdeburg*

Wednesday 15th October

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we
do not know how to pray as we ought, but
that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too
deep for words. And God, who searches
the heart, knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the
saints, according to the will of God.
Romans 8.26,27

God speed you, God lead you, and keep
you wrapped around his heart: may you be
known by love. *Paul Field*

Thursday 16th October

Nehemiah and Ezra the priest said to the
people, 'this day is holy to the Lord your God;
do not mourn or weep. Go your way, eat the fat
and drink the wine and send portions to those
for whom nothing is prepared.'
Nehemiah 8.8-10

Seize opportunity by the beard, for it is bald
behind. *Bulgarian proverb*

Friday 17th October

Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is
their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will
not be uncovered, and nothing is secret that
will not become known. *Luke 12.2*

We are not human beings having a spiritual
experience. We are spiritual beings having a
human experience. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Saturday 18th October

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night',
even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; darkness and
light to you are both alike. *Psalms 139.10, 11*

We shall rest and we shall see, We shall see and
we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise.
St Augustine

Sunday 19th October

In the presence of God and of Jesus Christ ...
I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message;
be persistent whether the time is favourable or
unfavourable; convince, rebuke and encourage
with the utmost patience in teaching.
2 Timothy 4.1-3

It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants.
The question is: 'What are we busy about?'
Henry David Thoreau

Monday 20th October

No distrust made him waver concerning the
promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith
as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced
that God was able to do what he had promised.
Romans 4.20,21

Nothing puzzles God. *Chinua Achebe*

Tuesday 21st October

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your
right hand from those who rise up against
them. Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.
Psalms 17.7,8

Only the shallow know themselves.
Oscar Wilde

Wednesday 22nd October

Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over
to be a prey for their teeth. Our soul has
escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.
Psalms 124.5,6

Now is the time to dance heaven's dance,
Time to discern eternity's face, Moment of
knowing beyond all sight, Day of God's smile
and tender embrace.
Bill Wallace, after Julian of Norwich

Thursday 23rd October

But now that you have been freed from sin and
enslaved to God, the advantage you get is
sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the
wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6.22.23

Ageing is an extraordinary experience whereby
you become the person you always should
have been. *David Bowie*

Friday 24th October

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your
law; I shall keep it with my whole heart. Lead
me in the path of your commandments, for
therein is my delight. *Psalms 119.34,35*

If you don't know where you're going,
you might end up someplace else.
Baseball catcher, Yogi Berra.

Saturday 25th October

He told this parable: A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard; and he came looking
for fruit on it and found none. He said to his
gardener, 'For three years I have looked for fruit
on this tree and found none. Cut it down!
Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied,
'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig
round and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next
year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it
down.' *Luke 13.6-8*

When we are comfortable and inattentive,
we run the risk of committing grave injustices
absentmindedly. *Chinua Achebe*

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